

REMARKS

. Claims 1-31 and 50-66 were examined. Claims 26-30 are allowed. Claims 1, 5, 13, 14, 16, 20-22, 25, 31, 50, and 52-66 were rejected. Claims 2-4, 6-12, 15, 17-19, 23, 24, and 51 were objected to as being based on a rejected claim, but were deemed allowable.

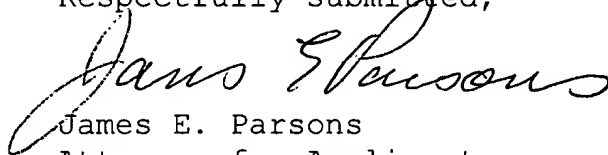
Herein, claims 1, 5, 8-11, 13-16, 19-25, 31, and 50 are cancelled, and claims 2, 6, 7, 12, 17, 18, and 51-54 are amended. No new claims are added.

There are now 5 independent claims, where 4 have previously been paid for. Submitted herewith is a payment for one additional independent claim. No other fee is due.

It is believed that the amended claims are allowable based on the Examiner's comments on the cited prior art, and the Examiner's indication of the allowability of certain dependent claims.

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